



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday June 4th, 2013. 1:00 pm.

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday June 4th, 2013 with Supervisor's Max Schultz, JD Schluntz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, and Gary Dunse. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson, and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meeting act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the May 21st meeting were reviewed. Chairman Horwart called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Metzger to approve as written, 2nd by Hanna. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

The morning was spent auditing and allowing claims. Motion made by Schultz, 2nd by Dietz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Bruce Beins, Sue Lans, Rick Calkins, and Jeff Shelton, from the Harlan County Hospital entered the meeting. Bruce discussed the new interim CEO appointment of Manuela Wolf to the hospital as Jeff Shelton is leaving after 4 years. Bruce informed the Board that Manuela is currently working on her Masters in Health Care Administration and this seemed like a logical choice. Bruce has spoken to Department Heads at the Hospital and all are on board with the appointment. Hanna asked how the search for a new doctor is going. Bruce informed the Board they may have an announcement in the near future. Jeff Shelton then spoke to the Board about the Hospitals financials. Although the Hospital has had some challenges with finances and retaining Doctors, it has had a strong performance. Reductions have been implemented; currently the hospital is running at \$328,369 in the red. Discussion was held on additional funding needed at budget time, County helping with the Bond payments, funding from the City Of Alma.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Ron Fryda came before the Board to request funding for the 2013-2014 year. Ron performed approximately 25 calls in Harlan County. Request was made for rabid animals, feedlots, and other varmints. Dietz asked if he had any calls for bobcats. Ron has not at this time. Ron's request for \$7342.00 is \$144.00 more than last year. Motion made by Dietz, 2nd by Schultz to approve the contract for \$7342.00 for the 2013-2014 year. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson brought to the Board a new shop lease contract with Bryan Lubeck. New contract will be for 2 years at \$150.00 per month. Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Metzger to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the reopening of an abandoned road at 724 between 9-4-20 and 16-4-20. It was decided to have the County Surveyor Wayne Dietz go out and do a survey on the road. Tim also brought to the Board a speed study, data collection with Miller and Associates. It was decided to look into the project further to see if it is mandated.



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Clerk brought to the Board the Region 3 mental health services contract for 2013-2014. Supervisor Dunse sits on this Board. Region 3 serves 22 counties in Nebraska. Last year's budget request was \$7,238.88, for 2013-2014 budget request is \$7,138.80, \$100.38 less. Motion made by Dunse, 2nd by Hanna to approve as requested. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Metzger 2nd by Dietz to move into Board of Equalization. County Assessor brought to the Board a valuation change for correction. After Board review, motion made by Schluntz, 2nd by Dunse to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. The board then discussed with the Assessor having a "consent agenda" for the upcoming protest year. This would allow the Assessor to meet with the taxpayer, review the property record information, and agree on a valuation together, and then the Assessor would bring the corrected valuation to the Board to approve. The County Board could approve the consent agenda, (listing multiple corrected valuations) avoiding the costly and time consuming protest hearings. This would also save time and money for the Clerk's Office. Discussion was also held when to set up possible protest hearings if needed. Motion made by Schultz, 2nd by Metzger to go out of Board of Equalization and return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion moved to JD Schluntz request to transfer \$185,000.00 from the inheritance fund to the Road Fund. This would be to pay the remaining balance on the road graders, to avoid paying interest. Discussion was also held on who has the authority to add or delete from the agenda. Hanna and Dietz had reservations on the funding, whether or not it could be done. Harlan County Treasure came into the meeting to discuss the County finances and remaining inheritance funds and transfers. Balance in June of 2012 for inheritance fund was approximately \$637,961.61 and currently the funds sits at \$414,440.49 (approximately.) Motion was made by JD Schluntz, 2nd by Dunse to transfer \$139,000.00 to pay off the Road Department equipment. Roll call votes, Schluntz-yes, Schultz-yes, Metzger-no, Hanna-no, Dietz-no, Dunse-yes, Horwart-no. Motion failed. Further review could be done at budget time.

Clerk brought forth to the Board resolution 13-2 for additional funding for the Sheriff's Office (\$11,171.65). Hanna read aloud the resolution and a complete copy is on file at the clerk's office. Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Dunse to approve the additional funding. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk furnished to the Board the monthly reports from the Clerk's Office and District Court. Employee's insurance deductible, townships taxing requests, and cemetery districts were also discussed.

County Attorney requested to move into Executive session to discuss personnel issues. At 3:40 pm motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Metzger to move into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. At 3:54 p.m. per motion made by Hanna 2nd by Dietz to come out of executive session.

With no public to address the Board; Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm. Next meeting is June 18th, 2013 at 10:00 am.



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Attest

Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

(seal)

CLAIMS

General Fund

Adams County Sheriff, fees; \$19.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins. premium, \$15,718.50 ; Kelsi Bose, mileage, zoning \$11.30; Cenex Credit Card, fuel. \$1,298.81; City Of Alma, utilities, \$ 587.47; Community Internet-Megavision, \$ 49.95; Department of Revenue, Prop Tax Assessment, maint agree, \$475.50; Dier, Osborn & Cox, Nelsen, Atty. P.C. \$1,418.85; Janet Dietz, meals, mileage, \$124.52; Linda Fischer, cont. servs. \$800.00; Law Office of Tana Fye, \$232.13; GIS Workshop, support, maint agree. \$14,420.00; Glenwood Telecomm. Inc, labor, computer, \$ 285.00; Good Samaritan Society, meals, \$102.75; Great American Financial Services, maint. agreement, \$ 118.26; Harlan County Extension, \$2,841.32; Harlan County Treasurer, phone, \$ 2,713.59; Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$135.54; Galen Kronhofman, mileage, zoning, \$5.09; Lake Automotive, serv. \$ 241.00; Linda Lewton mileage, zoning, \$ 11.87; MIPS, supplies, data processing, \$ 1,152.12; Madison National Life, Ins, \$50.50; Main Street Media, pub, \$154.22; Main Street Variety, supplies, \$11.94; Pam Meisenbach, meal, mileage, \$ 107.40; Jacquie Moulton, laundry, \$ 60.00; NPPD, utilities, \$ 631.92; Nebraska Advance Sheets, publication, \$ 200.00; Nebraska County Attorneys Association, Dues, \$ 565.00; Office Solutions, supplies, \$1494.20; Richard Ohrt, mileage, zoning, \$14.69; Professional Surveyors Assn. of Nebr, regis. \$100.00; Person & McQuay Law Office, phone,rent,salary, \$ 5,553.50; Phelps County 4th qtr, vets cont. \$ 3250.72; Pitney Bowes, postage, \$1000.00; Plains Radiology, medical, \$ 23.00; Shell Fleet plus, fuel, \$ 907.89; Short Stop, fuel, \$26.60; State of NE-As Central, data proc. \$616.00; Text & Data Technologies, data proc. \$2,100.00; Transit Works, supp. \$ 25.94; Tripe Motor, Inc. Serv. \$593.89; Trustworthy, supp. \$43.97; Twin Valley Public Power, Inc. \$ 109.87; U. S. Bank, supplies, \$ 222.95; Verizon, phone, \$305.44; Salary & Wage, \$ 60,044.59

ROAD FUND

AG Valley, supplies, \$ 12,885.23; Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins, \$ 4,387.54; Cat Financial, \$ 2,098.59; City of Alma, utilities, \$51.68; CHS Agri Service, supplies, \$ 1,219.98; Custom Trophy & Engraving, plaque, \$ 32.90; James Dietz, retirement, \$ 25.00; Willis Dietz, retirement, \$ 14.40; Linda Ehrke, cake, \$ 25.00; Filter Care of NE, filter, \$ 23.10; Glenwood Comm, computer, serv, \$ 285.00; Harlan County Health Sys, drug test, \$ 34.90; Harlan County Treasurer, phone, \$ 125.27; Hireright Solutions, drug test, \$ 42.40; Hogeland's Market, supp, \$ 7.75; Holdrege Auto Parts, \$ 71.02; M J Lubeck, rent, \$ 150.00; MIPS, program, \$ 102.48; Madison National Life, ins. \$ 137.01; Main Street Media, ads, \$78.11; Main Street Variety, supp. \$ 11.47; Newman Traffic signs, \$ 355.00; OK Tire, tires, \$ 717.00;Quill Corp, tape, \$ 5.97; S & W Auto parts, supplies, \$ 390.68; Stamford Services, fuel, \$ 135.00; State of Nebr. unempl. \$8.80; Twin Valleys Public Power Dist. Elec. \$ 357.57; Verizon, phone, \$ 21.70; Village of Republican City, water, \$ 28.00; White's Auto Glass, \$ 87.67; Salary & Wage, \$ 25,075.99

WEED FUND



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CHS, supplies, \$ 113.54; Harlan County Treas., phone, \$ 50.38; Main Street Media, ads, \$ 49.50; U.S. Bank, maps, \$ 59.00; Salary, \$ 500.00.

TOURISM FUND

Harlan County Journal ad, \$96.00; Salary, \$ 500.00

SERVICES FOR AGING

Harlan County Senior Center, Public transit, \$ 1189.42; Community action, \$ 550.33

911 Emergency Fund --City of Holdrege, \$ 1,143.15

Reappraisal Fund- \$ 6,427.00